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## **BLM Seeks Volunteers to Celebrate National River Cleanup Week**

**Taos, New Mexico** – Do you want to make a splash with your community? The BLM Taos Field Office is seeking volunteers to assist with National River Cleanup Week on Sunday, May 15, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Clean up locations for the Rio Grande are from the John Dunn Bridge to the Rio Arriba/Taos County Line, and for the Rio Chama from the El Vado Ranch to the Big Eddy take out. “We are encouraging participation from all river users to help out with this worthwhile effort,” said Mark Sundin, River Manager. “A total of 65 miles of cleanup is planned for both areas,” he added.

BLM is working with America Outdoors to raise the public’s awareness of trash accumulating on America’s waterways. America Outdoors, a national association of outfitters and guides, is the national sponsor. This event in its 14<sup>th</sup> year and the effort has a total of 430,000 volunteers who have participated in 4,180 cleanups covering over 88,000 miles of waterways.

Volunteers should meet at John Dunn Bridge, Taos Junction Bridge, Quartzite Recreation Site, County Line or El Vado Ranch for the Rio Chama at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact Mark Sundin, River Manager, 505.751.4720 or Mark Lujan, 505.751.4747.

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